

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING  
EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**14 November 2005**

**Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:10 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Ronita Appiah, RN**

**Deborah Brown RN, MSN**

**Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN**

**Susan Day, RN, MS**

**William Dodd, CRNA**

**Samuel Havens**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN**

**Donna Policastro, RNP**

**Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President**

**Mary Dowd Struck, RN, CNM**

**Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Health Professions Regulations**

**Jean Marie Rocha, MPH, RN Director, Nurse Registration & Nursing Education**

**Elizabeth James, RN, Complaint Unit**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Marcia Bliss**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. A quorum was established.**

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF October 3, 2005**

**On motion of Mr. Dodd, seconded by Ms. Rosa, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.**

## **VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION OF October 3, 2005 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS**

**On motion of Ms. Appiah seconded by Ms. Brown, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session of October 3, 2005 and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Ms. Smith reports on her interview with the Westerly Times. Ms. Smith's appointment as Board president represents a first for clinical staff nursing.**

## **DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT**

- Ms. Rocha notes administrative BON updates. Any nurse whose license is renewed less than six months after expiration date, will automatically receive a No Unprofessional Conduct with a Letter of Concern. After the six-month date, licensees will go through the full administrative review.**
- HEALTH's Licensing Data unit is reviewing the feasibility of online verification.**
- Alan Gordon, MD is a Board approved substance abuse provider.**
- Preparation is underway for next month's meeting that includes a dialogue on increasing nursing school capacity.**

## **BUSINESS**

- Donna Policastro, RNP presents an update on the nurse licensure compact. Discussion on the tracking and monitoring of disciplinary actions remain a concern.
- Cristiana Rosa, PCNS presents updates of the Advance Practice Nurse Advisory meeting held in Chicago. The committee will release a vision paper that comments on regulation, education and scope of practice concerns for advance practice nurses.
- Discussion on the rules and regulations of the Nurse Practice Act regarding sharp debridement. The BON has unanimously determined that sharp debridement is beyond the scope of practice for RN's and LPN's.
- Discussion on term expirations of Board members for calendar year 2006. Off going members are asked to send written notification of their resignation to the BON Director by March 2006. Replacement recommendations will gladly be accepted and processed in as timely manner as possible.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Ms. Day, seconded by Ms. Struck, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory

proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:30am.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 12:40 pm

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Pam McCue, RN Executive Director of RISNA has resigned. Donna Policastro, RNP is the interim Executive Director. Ms. Policastro resigns her BON position.
- Mr. Havens term has expired and his last Board meeting is December 12, 2005.

## **PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

James Gould, LPN	Grant License
Donald Dumont, RN	Grant License with Letter of Concern
Jeanne Houtchens, RNP	Grant License
Magaly E. Tavares, RN	Grant License
David C. Bullocks, RN	Grant License
Jilliane E.Hankins, RN	Grant License

<b>Melanie Coburn, RN</b>	<b>Reinstate with Probation</b>
<b>Cynthia Johnson, RN</b>	<b>Probation</b>
<b>Nancy Godfrey, RN</b>	<b>Reprimand with Education</b>
<b>Carol Waycott, RN</b>	<b>Suspension</b>
<b>Bolarin Awojobi, LPN</b>	<b>Suspension</b>
<b>David Lapointe, LPN</b>	<b>Suspension</b>
<b>Tara Nimiroski, RNP</b>	<b>No Unprofessional Conduct</b>
<b>Helen Oladini, LPN</b>	<b>No Unprofessional Conduct w LOC</b>
<b>Olison Best, LPN</b>	<b>No Unprofessional Conduct w LOC</b>
<b>Mary Poe, LPN</b>	<b>No Unprofessional Conduct w LOC</b>
<b>Roseann Rivard, RN</b>	<b>No Unprofessional Conduct w LOC</b>
<b>Kara Perreira, RN</b>	<b>No Unprofessional Conduct w LOC</b>
<b>Lynne Dramby, RN</b>	<b>No Unprofessional Conduct</b>
<b>Heather Beauchemin, RN</b>	<b>No Unprofessional Conduct</b>

## **VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS**

**On motion of Ms. Dowd, seconded by Ms. Breguet, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Smith, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:55 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan Day, RN, MS Secretary**